

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for remotely evaluating a condition of a vehicular part during a recycling process, comprising:

obtaining, from a vehicular dealer, description information regarding said condition of said vehicular part in an electronic folder;

sending, from a central server, said electronic folder including said description information to an assessment center;

receiving, in the central server, from said assessment center, an assessment based on said description information, said electronic folder being modified at said assessment center to include said assessment, said assessment comprising a grade for the vehicular part; and

determining whether said vehicular part may be recycled based on said assessment.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said description information comprises at least one of textual data, numerical data, binary data, scanned documents, digital images, digital audio and video of said vehicular part.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising at least one of the steps of mining data and generating reports for a plurality of vehicular parts and their assessment.

5. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said data and reports are in such a format as to be compatible with internal data management systems of a party receiving said data and reports.

6. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining whether said vehicular part may be recycled comprises determining at least one of a disposition and a warranty settlement for said vehicular part based on said assessment.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said description information comprises at least one of textual data, numerical data, binary data, scanned documents, digital images, digital audio and video of said vehicular part.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising at least one of the steps of mining data and generating reports for a plurality of vehicular parts and their assessment.

10. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said data and reports are in such a format as to be compatible with internal data management systems of a party receiving said data and reports.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the step of sending said vehicular part to a third party for at least one of repair and recycling.

12. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising at least one of identifying and ordering missing materials required for a remanufacturing of said vehicular part based on said assessment details.

13. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising automatically ordering said materials required for remanufacturing of said vehicular part.

14. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said vehicular dealer comprises an authorized representative of an original equipment manufacturer.

15. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said assessment center comprises at least one of an independent assessing center, an original equipment manufacturer, and a warranty processing center.

16. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of providing access to a party at a third location to said assessment details.

17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said party at said third location accesses said assessment details through an Internet web browser.

18. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said party at said third location comprises an original equipment manufacturer.

19. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 18, further comprising the step of producing data and reports for a plurality of vehicular parts and their assessment.

20. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the step of providing said data and reports in such a format as to be compatible with internal data management systems of a party receiving said data and reports.

21. to 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A data center used in a remote evaluation of a condition of a vehicular part during a recycling process, said data center comprising:

a computer server adapted to communicate with a vehicular dealer and an assessment center, said computer server comprising:

input means for receiving, from said vehicular dealer, said electronic folder including said description information regarding said condition of said vehicular part in an electronic folder;

output means for sending said description information to said assessment center; and

said input means for further receiving, from said assessment center, an assessment based on said description information, said assessment comprising a grade for the vehicular part, said electronic folder being modified at said assessment center to include said assessment which is used in determining whether said vehicular part may be recycled.

29. (Original) A data center as claimed in claim 28, wherein said description information comprises at least one of textual data, numerical data, binary data, scanned documents, digital images, digital audio and video of said vehicular part.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) A data center as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a server database for storing at least a portion of said description information in said electronic folder.

32. (Original) A data center as claimed in claim 28, wherein said computer server is further adapted to communicate with a third location and said output means further sends said

assessment to said third location.

33. (Original) A data center as claimed in claim 28, wherein said computer server is adapted to determine at least one of a disposition and a warranty settlement for said vehicular part based on said assessment.

34. (Original) A data center as claimed in claim 33, wherein said description information comprises at least one of textual data, numerical data, binary data, scanned documents, digital images, digital audio and video of said vehicular part.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously presented) A data center as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a server database for storing at least a portion of said description information in said electronic folder.

37. (Original) A data center as claimed in claim 33, wherein said computer server is further adapted to communicate with a third location and said output means further sends said assessment to said third location.